# Earlham College · 178<sup>th</sup> year COMMENCEMENT 2025

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SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025 2:30 P.M.

### About Earlham

Earlham today includes Earlham College, an undergraduate liberal arts college, the Earlham College Graduate Programs in Education, and the Earlham School of Religion.

Earlham's programs are informed by the distinctive perspectives and values of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). We challenge ourselves to seek truth, wherever truth may lead, so that we may grow in both intellect and spirit as we prepare to lead and to serve in today's world.

Earlham's faculty work to awaken the "teacher within," encouraging students to become lifelong learners. Earlham students actively shape and influence their own education, both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we are an intentional community that seeks to make a difference in the world for good. We challenge one another to grow in our capabilities and commitment, and we seek to lead lives that demonstrate our guiding values.

The Graduate Programs in Education continue the Earlham tradition of excellence by preparing teachers who are student-centered. Education students are encouraged to enhance their unique pedagogical voices and draw on teaching strategies that encourage and excite learning in all students.

An Earlham School of Religion education is likewise shaped by Quaker principles and practices. A Christian graduate theological school in the Quaker tradition, ESR prepares students for leadership that empowers and ministry that serves. Using a transformative model of education, ESR encourages students to explore the intellectual, spiritual and practical dimensions of their calls to ministry.



### Commencement Program

President Paul Sniegowski, presiding

#### **PRELUDE**

Selections from the Class of 2025

#### **PROCESSIONAL**

"Pomp and Circumstance," Sir Edward Elgar

#### INVOCATION

Earlham School of Religion O.H. Jackson Napier

#### **OPENING STILLNESS**

Paul Sniegowski, President

Earlham College and Earlham School of Religion

#### WELCOME FROM THE CLASSES OF 2025

Earlham College Earlham Graduate Earlham School of Religion Programs in Education Aseel Alaeddin and Sarah Maureen Gillooly Faith Muterspaugh and Helena Aleluya José

Alex Palmer-Truesdell

#### **GREETINGS**

Frederick H.L. McClure Martha Hill Vice Chair, Board of Trustees Alumni Council

#### CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Paul Sniegowski, President

#### **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Paul Sniegowski, President

Earlham College Earlham Graduate Earlham School of Religion Programs in Education Lori Schroeder, Gretchen Castle, Dean Camilla Fulvi, Director

Provost

#### BENEDICTION

Melanie Fabian Holland

#### MOMENT OF STILLNESS

#### RECESSIONAL

#### **POSTLUDE**

Selections from the Class of 2025

### The Academic Procession

A colorful aspect of the Commencement ceremony is the academic procession. Strong traditions govern the use of the caps, gowns and hoods worn by many members of the academic community in the formal ceremony today. The academic apparel worn at Earlham's Commencement dates back to the Middle Ages. Then, voluminous gowns were worn to ward off the damp and cold of medieval buildings, with mortar boards used as hats. When those styles were abandoned by laymen, clergy and scholars continued to wear the robes, with variations in style and color identifying different monastic orders.

From the three items of academic attire — the cap, gown and hood — it is possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer was graduated, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of degree — bachelor, master or doctorate. The institution granting the degree is indicated by the colors of the lining of the hood. The degree is indicated by the width of the velvet trimming, becoming wider from bachelor's to master's to doctorate. The color of the velvet trimming indicates the discipline or field of study.

The academic disciplines of Earlham faculty, trustees and distinguished guests are represented by the following colors:

- Agriculture: Maize
- O Arts, Letters, Humanities: White
- Ommerce, Business: Drab
- Economics: Copper
- Education: Light Blue
- Engineering: Orange
- Fine Arts: Brown

- Journalism: Crimson
- Law: Purple
- Library Science: Lemon
- Medicine: Green
- Music: Pink
- Nursing: Apricot
- Oratory: Silver Gray

- Philosophy: Dark Blue
- Physical Education: Sage Green
- Science: Golden Yellow
- Social Work: Citron
- Theology: Scarlet

#### **Honorary Faculty Ushers**

Womai Song, Assistant Professor of History and African & African American Studies Maggie Thomas, Associate Professor of Psychology

#### Honorary Commencement Ushers for the Class of 2025

Jalen Colin Ang Jasmyn Meeker Yayah Barrie Ava Walters





# Earlham College

Earlham is a nationally recognized liberal arts institution whose mission, centered on Quaker principles, is "to be a learning community that seeks to envision and achieve a more perfect human society." Earlham's long devotion to academic excellence has been matched by its concern for spiritual values and high social purpose. Noticeable on campus is a spirit of concern, a sense of responsibility for world issues and freedom of thought.

Earlham students earn the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Major studies encompass 41 departmental and interdisciplinary fields. Innovation in educational programs and cross-cultural education are hallmarks of Earlham College. A leader in international education, Earlham currently offers off-campus programs in several countries around the world and within the United States. Students are intellectually challenged by faculty that are both excited about teaching and committed to the development of genuine enthusiasm for liberal learning, which is why Earlham consistently ranks in the Top 20 colleges for "Best Classrooom Experience" according to the Princeton Review. Earlham programs have received national recognition for their ability to prepare students for excellence in leadership for an increasingly complex, global society.

# 2025 Honorary Degree Recipient

#### MARGARET HAMILTON '58

Earlham College, on the recommendation of the president and the faculty, and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, confers honorary degrees to individuals of extraordinary achievement who have made significant contributions in academia and in other professions and pursuits.

#### **Margaret Elaine Hamilton**

Computer pioneer and systems engineer Doctor of Science, honoris causa

#### Biography:

Margaret Hamilton graduated from Earlham College in 1958 with a major in mathematics and a minor in philosophy. A trailblazer in computing, Margaret became a key figure in the development of in-flight software for NASA's Apollo missions, including the guidance and navigation systems that enabled a safe lunar landing. As director of the Apollo Flight Computer Programming team at MIT's Draper Lab, she led a team of young programmers during a time when computer science was not yet formally recognized. Margaret coined the term "software engineering" to elevate and legitimize the discipline she helped create.



Margaret later founded two companies, including Hamilton Technologies, Inc., and continued her pioneering work in software development. Her contributions earned her NASA's Exceptional Space Act Award, Earlham's Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the United States' highest civilian honor. She was also featured as a figurine in a LEGO set celebrating Women of NASA.

A path-breaker in the male-dominated realm of scientific application, Margaret is an example of outstanding women in STEM fields and represents an excellent role model for Earlham students. She embodies the ideals of the College's mission, particularly her contributions to making the world a better place.



#### CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

#### Samantha N. Ackley

Neuroscience

College and Departmental Honors Fairland, Indiana

#### Quin Adelson

Social Services Louisville, Kentucky

#### **Anahit Aharonyan**

Media & Communications College and Departmental Honors Meghri, Armenia

#### Aseel Alaeddin

Biology College Honors Ramallah, Palestine

#### Helena Aleluya José

Computer Science and Theater Arts College Honors Luanda, Angola

#### Koen Arthaud-Day

Earth & Environmental Science College and Departmental Honors Manhattan, Kansas

#### Mary Asch

Neuroscience College Honors Shoreview. Minnesota

#### Caleb Jude Auerbach-Brown

English

Cleveland Heights, Ohio

#### **Aouss Azzouz**

Biochemistry College and Departmental Honors Damascus, Syria

#### Jacob Bandfield

Exercise, Sport & Health Studies College Honors Norco, California

#### Dillon James Bandi

Business College Honors Rocky River, Ohio

#### Niloy Barua

Biochemistry Eswatini

#### Haley Baugues

Spanish & Hispanic Studies and Theater Arts College Honors Muncie, Indiana

#### Chadha Ben Abderrahmane

Psychology College Honors Ksour Essaf, Tunisia | Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates

#### Aruna Bharati

Global Management and Media & Communications College Honors Portland, Oregon

#### Mary Angela Bireley

Peace and Global Studies College and Departmental Honors Fort Wayne, Indiana

#### Justin T. Boritzki

Business College Honors Detroit, Michigan

#### Charles Bowen-Rayner

Computer Science College and Departmental Honors London, England

#### Amari A. Bradford

African & African American Studies and Exercise, Sport & Health Studies College Honors Englewood, Ohio

#### Janaiya Shamar Bright

Social Services Fort Wayne, Indiana

#### Nathan Marlon Brophy

Environmental Sustainability College Honors Cambridge, Massachusetts

#### Liam C. Brubaker

Environmental Sustainability Oak Park, Illinois

#### Alexandra L. Busse

Biochemistry College Honors Silver Spring, Maryland

#### Edith Byrum

Biochemistry College and Departmental Honors Greensboro, North Carolina

#### Sarah A. Cohen

Theater Arts Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### Gary T. Coker

Biology College Honors Fort Wayne, Indiana

#### Jadie Colvin

Social Services College Honors Fairfield, Ohio

#### Katherine M. Conner

Psychology College Honors Chillicothe, Ohio

#### Charlie R. Conrad

History and Museum Studies Columbus, Indiana

#### **Tory Cooks**

Media & Communications Brooklyn, New York

#### Amelia Celestial Corner

Social Services College Honors Dubois, Pennsylvania

#### Jonathan Martin Roach Costello

Environmental Sustainability College Honors Seattle, Washington

#### Tobias Alexander Dean

Computer Science College Honors Wyoming, Ohio

#### Connor J. Del Carmen

Psychology College and Departmental Honors Chesterfield, Missouri

#### Quinn M. Doden

History and Spanish & Hispanic Studies College Honors Fort Wayne, Indiana



#### Alexander Doyle

Earth & Environmental Science College and Departmental Honors Crawfordsville, Indiana

#### Misha Feller

Psychology Gambier, Ohio

#### Devin Joseph FitzGibbon

Business and Psychology College Honors Cincinnati, Ohio

#### Seán Fitzpatrick

Art

College Honors New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Meredith Foye

Environmental Sustainability Houston, Texas

#### Logan Galliano

Japanese Studies Yorkville, Illinois

#### Alexander Erik Ratcliff Gellrich

Biochemistry

College and Departmental Honors Redwood City, California

#### Orin W. Gentner

Environmental Sustainability College Honors San Diego, California

#### Alexis Gibson

Exercise, Sport & Health Studies Jeffersonville, Indiana

#### Bailey R. Gibson

Business College Honors Jeffersonville, Indiana

#### **Brendon Gibson**

Biochemistry Indianapolis, Indiana

#### Sylvan Kenric Gilkey

Environmental Sustainability Indianapolis, Indiana

#### Braden Alexander Guinn

Biochemistry College Honors Yorktown, Indiana

#### Jacob Steedman Gurt

Comparative Languages & Linguistics College and Departmental Honors Mobile, Alabama

#### Zain Hammad

Business and Economics Amman, Jordan | Odesa, Ukraine

#### Karissa Hauke

Social Services College Honors Barberton, Ohio

#### Ethan Andrew Hear

History

West Chester, Ohio

#### Chloe Hendrickson

Museum Studies College Honors Pana, Illinois

#### K Hughes

Creative Writing College and Departmental Honors St. Louis, Missouri

#### William Joseph Hughes

Psychology College Honors Saint Louis, Missouri

#### Makayla Christine Hurey

Mathematics and Psychology College Honors Sidney, Ohio

#### Austi Lyn Jenkins

Theater Arts
College and Departmental Honors
Richmond, Indiana

#### Ruohan Jiang

Museum Studies and Biology College Honors Beijing, China

#### Duncan Jordahl

Environmental Sustainability College Honors Louisville, Kentucky

#### Wren Ava Joyrich

Sociology/Anthropology College and Departmental Honors Farmington Hills, Michigan

#### Jalyn S. Kelsey

Biochemistry and Psychology College Honors Hampstead, Maryland

#### Guru Sahai Rae K. Khalsa

Spanish & Hispanic Studies College Honors San Diego, California

#### Sabrina M. Kirchner

Museum Studies Royal Oak, Michigan

#### Hiyori Kobayashi

Politics College Honors Ichikawa, Japan

#### Meg Kobman

Psychology College and Departmental Honors West Chester, Ohio

#### **David Marcus Lally**

Business Las Vegas, Nevada

#### Nathan Lasersohn

Psychology College Honors Urbana, Illinois

#### Nathan H. Lefkowitz

Biochemistry College Honors Scottsdale, Arizona

#### Vassily Lombard

Data Science College and Departmental Honors Vineuil Saint Firmin, France

#### Diprekshya Maharjan

Business and Economics College Honors Nepal

#### Parsa Mallik

Computer Science College and Departmental Honors Higashimurayama, Japan

#### Frannie Mamlin

Ancient & Classical Studies College and Departmental Honors Columbus, Ohio

#### Tamarianna L. Mason

Creative Writing Vallejo, California

#### Yara Basem Matar

Media & Communications Gaza, Palestine

#### Meredith McGraw

Biochemistry College Honors Northampton, Pennsylvania

#### Mychal McKelvey

Dublin, Ohio Business

#### Ulrik Midthun

Neuroscience College Honors El Sobrante, California

#### Skye Miller-Purrenhage

Psychology College Honors Lansing, Michigan

#### Adea Mirashi

Psychology Prishtinë, Kosovë

#### Velenkhosini Michael Mkhonta

Physics & Astronomy Mbabane, Eswatini

#### Rin Mulcahy

Biology College Honors Cazenovia, New York

#### Rorey S. Murphy

History College Honors East Hampton, New York

#### Gannon Murray

Chemistry College and Departmental Honors Fresno, California

#### Skyler Murray

Biochemistry College Honors Richmond, Indiana

#### Loukik Nanda

Business and Data Science Cuttack, Odisha, India

#### Lauren Nicole Newcomer

Biology

Tomball, Texas

#### Avin Newswanger

Peace and Global Studies College Honors Lancaster, Pennsylvania

#### Tertulle Nivrose

Biochemistry Petion-Ville, Haiti

#### Taye Ogundipe

Psychology

Romulus, Michigan

#### Martin Ignacio Olate Pinochet

Computer Science Santiago, Chile

#### Noelle L. Patterson

Digital Media Art College and Departmental Honors Fort Wayne, Indiana

#### Rafael Rodrigo Pereira Gonçalves Gregório Peres

International Studies College and Departmental Honors Lisbon, Portugal

#### **Dorothy Venus Pettet**

Social Services College Honors Whiteland, Indiana

#### Ngoc Cong Pham

Chemistry

College and Departmental Honors Hanoi, Vietnam

#### Thuy Tien Phan

Computer Science College and Departmental Honors Vietnam

#### **Eric Potter**

Neuroscience Indianapolis, Indiana

#### Joseph Potter

Earth & Environmental Science College and Departmental Honors Belfast, Maine

#### Benjamin Pratt

Business College Honors Athens, Ohio

#### Noah Kishimoto Radtke

Biochemistry College and Departmental Honors Shiga, Japan

#### Eloise Richardson

Anthrozoology: Human-Animal Studies College Honors Evanston, Illinois

#### Oliver Robbins

Business Oak Park, Illinois

#### Luke Patrick Rodgers

Computer Science and Sociology/Anthropology College and Departmental Honors Chicago, Illinois

#### Hudson Benjamin Roebken

Business Centerville, Ohio

#### Lacee Willow Jade Runyon

Social Services College Honors Richmond, Indiana

#### Madison Lynn Ruwersma

Physics & Astronomy College Honors Coopersville, Michigan

#### Luke Rykard

Psychology Saline, Michigan

#### Gabriel Saar

Ancient & Classical Studies College and Departmental Honors Wyoming, Ohio

#### Tae Sakazaki

Peace and Global Studies College and Departmental Honors Tokushima, Japan

#### Hitomi Sakuta

Neuroscience College Honors Tokyo, Japan

#### **Andrew Sale**

Biology
College Honors
Leawood, Kansas



#### Lily Schamel

Psychology College Honors Richmond, Indiana

#### **Sydney Haynes Schmitt**

Environmental Sustainability, Spanish & Hispanic Studies College Honors Toledo, Ohio

#### Matthew T. Segvich

Comparative Languages & Linguistics Berkley, Michigan

#### Emma Mae Shelton

Social Services College Honors Bloomington, Indiana

#### Kenny Shema

Computer Science Kigali, Rwanda

#### Faith Nicole Silver

Psychology Harpersferry, West Virginia

#### **Arson Smith**

Museum Studies Corbin, Kentucky

#### Josiah Smith

Accounting College Honors Washington, D.C.

#### Clayton Snider

Biochemistry College Honors Knightstown, Indiana

#### Stanley Dale Snider III

Earth & Environmental Science Indianapolis, Indiana

#### Oliver Ross Stratton Treadway

Politics College Honors Washington, D.C.

#### Adam Strecker

Politics Orlando, Florida

#### Alana Weaver Strecker

Chemistry College Honors New Port Richey, Florida

#### Marco Sweeney

Environmental Sustainability Wilmette, Illinois

#### Akiko Tajima

Biology and Exercise, Sport & Health Studies College Honors Honolulu, Hawaii

#### Saki Takizawa

Computer Science College Honors Tokyo, Japan

#### **Emerson Grace Tallitsch**

Environmental Sustainability St. Charles, Illinois

#### Marshall Eileen Tatum

Art

Louisville, Kentucky

#### Dale Jacquelyn Dye Thomas

Sociology/Anthropology College and Departmental Honors Greencastle, Indiana

#### **Christopher Thompson**

Japanese Studies College and Departmental Honors Yellow Springs, Ohio

#### Owen Trotto

Business Reynoldsburg, Ohio

#### Emma O'Rion Troutwine

Politics College Honors Richmond, Indiana

#### David L. Turner

Exercise, Sport & Health Studies College Honors Navasota, Texas

#### Eric Ford Ankrah Twumasi

Business and Mathematics College Honors Cape Coast, Ghana

#### Brennen Jered Urich

Theatre Arts Richmond, Indiana

#### Alexei Eileen Van Schaik

Biology

Waynesville, Ohio

#### Abigail White

Japanese Studies College Honors Edmonds, Washington

#### Anna E. Wible

Environmental Sustainability Eaton, Ohio

#### **Audrey May Williams**

Art

College and Departmental Honors Liberty Township, Ohio

#### Grace Wilson

Japanese Studies Denver, Colorado

#### Nicholas Alexander Wilson

Exercise, Sport & Health Studies Charlotte, North Carolina

#### **Sharon Wong**

Computer Science and Neuroscience College and Departmental Honors Yilan, Taiwan

#### Karol Zetzsche Silva

Comparative Languages & Linguistics Monterrey, Nuevo León, México

#### Reece P. Zonts

Chemistry College Honors Geneva, Illinois

This program represents a complete and accurate record of the candidates' degrees and departmental honors at the time of publication. Some information may change between the time of publication and commencement.

# Earlham Graduate Programs in Education

"It is worth acknowledging, in all humility, that, though there are many great, beautiful, noble callings for human beings — ministry, healing, protecting the powerless through the law, making art, music and literature, the most wonderful things that human beings are privileged to do — none of them is more valuable to the human race, to the future of the planet, or to our own souls, than the work of teaching."

— Professor Emeritus of English Paul Lacey

Earlham is proud to contribute to this valuable work through the Graduate Programs in Education. These programs are unique, as they focus on the discovery and renewal of the teacher within. Both the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education degrees are designed to be transformational for individuals who wish, in turn, to transform the lives of others. Both programs are grounded in Quaker principles including a respect for persons, integrity, simplicity, community, peace and justice. These values are manifested throughout both the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education programs.

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#### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Alexander Palmer-Truesdell

Franklin, Ohio

Andrew Sale Leawood, Kansas

#### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION

Olivia Kyrk

Cardington, Ohio

Nathaniel Whetstine

Franklin, Indiana

Faith Muterspaugh Middletown, Indiana

**Brad Whiles** 

Wolverhampton, England

# Earlham School of Religion

Earlham School of Religion is a seminary of the Religious Society of Friends. Here, Friends and those from other traditions undertake formal theological study and ministry preparation. The School of Religion operates with its own dean and faculty and offers the Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees and several certificates. ESR manages the Lilly Endowment Inc. grant which supports the Quaker Leadership Center, offering non-degree learning and Quaker leadership development.

The presence of ESR in close association with Earlham College brings it in touch with many currents of contemporary intellectual life. As Earlham College is known nationally for its high academic standards, these same standards characterize ESR. Further enriching the ESR learning experience, a partnership with Bethany Theological Seminary began in 1994.

ESR assists students in developing a faith consistent with personal Christian revelation and religious experience. Students achieve competence in the biblical, historical and theological disciplines while developing practical skills and an empowering style of ministry. ESR students and faculty participate in the larger Christian community and its concern for the peoples of the world.

As a graduate center serving all Quakers, ESR develops Friends leadership for both programmed and unprogrammed meetings. The school provides a research and study center for Friends and encourages Friends' involvement in theological and cultural dialogue. While fostering unity in the Religious Society of Friends, ESR continues to clarify and sustain the Quaker vision.

#### A note on regalia

The practice of wearing academic regalia originated in the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. Scholars, whether student or teacher, customarily wore the dress of a cleric. With few exceptions, these medieval scholars had taken orders, made certain vows, and perhaps been tonsured. Long gowns were worn, and hoods served to cover the tonsured head.

The American tradition of hooding extends approximately 100 years. The Earlham tradition began approximately 70 years ago, while the School of Religion's practice is about 40 years old. These hoods connect us with an honored tradition associated with intellectual and spiritual freedom.

The master's hood which we award today is three-and-one-half feet long. It is black in color, with two white stripes which distinguish it from a bachelor's or doctorate hood. The hood is trimmed with a scarlet border, signifying the theology degree. It is lined with fabric representing the institutional colors — in our case, maroon and white.

#### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF DIVINITY

Natalia Taylor Bowdoin

Augusta, Georgia

Melanie Fabian Holland Richmond, Indiana

Palm Coast, Florida

Sarah Maureen Gillooly

Takoma Park, Maryland

Jamie Marie Jackson

Sophie Hope Nagle

Laura Jean McGuire

Bloomington, Indiana

New Castle, Indiana

Margaret Arielle Starsong

Halpin

Austin, Texas

Constance Jean Kincaid-Brown

Weathersfield, Vermont

O.H. Jackson Napier

Berea, Kentucky

#### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOPOETICS AND WRITING

Tammy Diane Forner Avon, Connecticut

Marlin Elbon Kilpatrick

Marquette, Michigan

Carson Alexandria Risser

Cary, North Carolina

#### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Susan Elizabeth Cushman

Garden City, New York

Noah Edwin Al-Saffar Kubacki

Portland, Oregon

Lucy Elizabeth Enge

Cincinnati, Ohio

Demarius J. Walker Atlanta, Georgia

# ACADEMIC AWARDS

# Claude Stinneford Award in Economics

Diprekshya Maharjan

# Monteze Snyder 'Business for Good' Award

Bailey R. Gibson Eric Ford Ankrah Twumasi

#### Pi Sigma Alpha

Emma O'Rion Troutwine Oliver Ross Stratton Treadway Rafael Rodrigo Pereira Gonçalves Gregório Peres

#### **Psychology Department Award**

Connor J. Del Carmen Meg Kobman

#### Karen Keller LaFollette Award

Amari A. Bradford Mary Angela Bireley

#### David Koch '66 Award in Public Service

Amelia Celestial Corner Emma O'Rion Troutwine Jonathan Martin Roach Costello

#### Earlham Environmental Leadership Award

Duncan Jordahl Jacob Steedman Gurt

# Designation of Distinction in Global Engagement

Aouss Azzouz Eric Ford Ankrah Twumasi Rafael Rodrigo Pereira Gonçalves Gregório Peres

#### Anna Eves Award

Caleb Jude Auerbach-Brown

# Arthur M. Charles Fellowship for International Studies

Christopher Thompson
Gabriel Saar
Jacob Steedman Gurt
Quinn M. Doden
Frannie Mamlin
Guru Sahai Rae K. Khalsa

#### Arthur M. Charles Service Award

Gabriel Saar Logan Galliano Matthew T. Segvich Quinn M. Doden Guru Sahai Rae K. Khalsa

### Warren Staebler Award

K Hughes

# William Fuson Award in Sociology/Anthropology

Dale Jacquelyn Dye Thomas

#### Sociology/Anthropology Faculty Award

Wren Ava Joyrich Anahit Aharonyan

#### American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry

Gannon Murray

#### American Institute of Chemistry Student Award

Edith Byrum

#### Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence

Reece P. Zonts

#### Thomas Clarkson Grave and Anna Hubbard Grave Graduate Scholarship in Natural Sciences

Alexandra L. Busse Gannon Murray Gary T. Coker Reece P. Zonts

#### Natural Sciences Division Outstanding Student Award

Edith Byrum Meredith McGraw Nathan Marlon Brophy Alexander Erik Ratcliff Gellrich

#### Gertrude Pardieck Hubbard Distinguished Student Award

Alana Weaver

#### Lucy Moore Grave Marine Biology Award

Akiko Tajima

#### Russell M. Lawall Award in Biomedical Research

Alana Weaver

#### William Roha Computer Science Endowed Award

Charles Bowen-Rayner Thuy Tien Phan

### William Roha Math Award

Vassily Lombard

#### Howard Alexander Award

Eric Ford Ankrah Twumasi Makayla Christine Hurey

#### Russell L. Malcolm Pre-Medicine Award

Aouss Azzouz

#### Vicki Penziner Matson Photographic Award

Noelle L. Patterson

#### Jay Scholarship

Amelia Celestial Corner Jonathan Martin Roach Costello

#### George Van Dyke Outstanding Athlete Award

Adam Strecker Makayla Christine Hurey Mychal McKelvey

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#### Kathryn Weber-Wendell M. Stanley Senior Scholar-Athlete Award

Akiko Tajima

Andrew Sale

Bailey R. Gibson

Braden Alexander Guinn

Charles Bowen-Rayner

David Marcus Lally

Devin Joseph FitzGibbon

Dillon James Bandi

Ethan Andrew Hear

Faith Nicole Silver

Jacob Bandfield

Jadie Colvin

Jalyn S. Kelsey

Jonathan Martin Roach Costello

Justin T. Boritzki

Katherine M. Conner

Lacee Willow Jade Runyon

Lauren Nicole Newcomer

Madison Lynn Ruwersma

Meredith McGraw

Nathan H. Lefkowitz

Oliver Ross Stratton Treadway

Quinn M. Doden

Reece P. Zonts

Amari A. Bradford

Benjamin Pratt

Duncan Jordahl

Koen Arthaud-Day

Lily Schamel

Makayla Christine Hurey

Meg Kobman

Noah Kishimoto Radtke

Rorey S. Murphy

Skyler Murray

Sydney Haynes Schmitt

#### Phi Beta Kappa

Aouss Azzouz

Charles Bowen-Rayner

Edith Byrum

Connor J. Del Carmen

Quinn M. Doden

Nick Goode

Meg Kobman

Gannon Murray

Noelle L. Patterson

Thuy Tien Phan

Noah Kishimoto Radtke

Gabriel Saar

Alana Weaver Strecker

Georgeos Tegos

Emma O'Rion Troutwine

Sharon Wong

# SPECIAL MESSAGES to the Class of 2025

# Message from the President

Dear Class of 2025,

Today, we celebrate your graduation with a liberal arts degree from Earlham. You are the latest in a line of Earlham graduates going back to 1847!

The liberal arts ideal comes from ancient Greece and Rome, via medieval Europe, but today the liberal arts spring from cultures all over the world. In the liberal arts, we engage in earnest dialogue in search of reliable understanding of ourselves, each other, our world, and our universe. Such understanding is intrinsically beautiful and meaningful, and that's all the motivation many need to seek it. But it also serves the common good by guiding us in how we can best live together in the world.

Dialogue in the liberal arts requires open and respectful expression of the full diversity of views to work, otherwise it is not a rigorous and authentic process. Ample human experience shows that almost nothing is reliable forever, so in the liberal arts we must always reexamine what we think we understand, and why. Thus, the liberal arts are a living tradition as valid today as thousands of years ago.

Living in this tradition frees us. It frees us from the distortions of mere opinion, it frees us from ignorance, it frees us from bigotry, and it frees us from the influence of those who claim unjustified wealth or power. Indeed, the old Latin term for the liberal arts is artes liberales: the arts of a free person.

Today, we celebrate the liberation of mind that you have attained in your years at Earlham. As your teachers and advisors, we send you off with joy in your accomplishments and sorrow at your parting from us. Your time here has been a gift to us. We give you now to the world in hope, trusting that you will do your best to further the understanding that will make the world better for the generations to come.

Congratulations and best wishes.

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Paul Sniegowski

President, Earlham College and Earlham School of Religion

# Message from the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Earlham Board of Trustees, I am privileged and proud to congratulate the May 2025 graduates of Earlham College, the Earlham School of Religion and Earlham's Graduate Programs in Education. I also congratulate and thank the family, friends, faculty, and staff who have supported our graduates on their way to this day. Like many other Trustees, I can recall vividly and fondly my own graduation from Earlham.

Earlham students are smart, enthusiastic, thoughtful, fun, and full of promise — we know this from decades of working with Earlham students and graduates. You work hard, love well, play exuberantly, and care deeply about making the world a better place. You have strengthened your knowledge and understanding of our world, and engaged your passions whether they are intellectual, athletic, social, political, or all the above. While it has not always been comfortable or easy, you have grown in this hotbed of reflection, discussion, and action we call Earlham.

Let me predict who you will be in the future, whether that is five or 40 years from now. My confidence in seeing your future is based on the special nature of Earlham and knowing and hearing the life stories of scores of fellow alumni who have preceded you. You will live lives that make a difference to your families, your communities, and our world. You will have the ability and will to see the world differently and, as a result, be a part of creating solutions to problems that seem intractable. You will be good shepherds for society, the environment, and the world in which we live. You will be innovators and agents for positive change. You will be peacemakers and agreement finders.

We Trustees are constantly aware that Earlham is trying to prepare students to live in a world we can hardly imagine. Let us know where and how it should evolve toward the future. Please return to the warmth of the Earlham community frequently and contribute to our rich heritage. The College, School of Religion and the Graduate Programs in Education need your ongoing care and support to continue for future generations the educational excellence you have enjoyed.

Please accept our good hopes and well wishes. Congratulations!

Thomas H. Thornburg, Class of 1984 Chair, Board of Trustees

# Message from the Alumni Council

#### Greetings Class of 2025!

So here it is, the moment you've all been waiting for! Commencement. And with that comes a warm welcome to the ranks of the Alumni Association — nearly 18,000 alumni who are living in every state in the nation and six continents (maybe all seven, knowing how Earlhamites are).

I've never met a boring Earlham student or alum. Every single one has a rich story to tell, has been to interesting places and has done things that are astounding. Whether they are a biodiversity cataloger in the Amazon, true crime author in the Midwest, teacher in Japan, geological surveyor in Alaska, fire investigator in New York City, journalist in Hollywood, healthcare provider in Africa, mathematician for NASA or a potter in a commune in New Mexico, they work for good in the world.

I encourage you to make a connection with them. Ask for their story and share yours because you never know where that might lead — Earlhamite comradery and even collaboration certainly don't stop once you've graduated. Use the resources Earlham and its alumni have to offer and be that resource when you have those insights and gifts to share.

Earlhamites do amazing things in small and large ways. Do your amazing thing. Gather those sticks and light a fire and leave it burning, because when you leave the light for someone else, they have a chance to do amazing things, too.

Welcome to the Earlham Alumni Association, Class of 2025!

On behalf of the Alumni Council, Wendy Wentworth Smiseck, Class of 1991

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# Faculty Retirement



#### JOANN MARTIN

Since joining the Earlham faculty in 1989, JoAnn Martin has played a meaningful role in shaping and sustaining the College's tradition of excellence in teaching. Over the years, she made significant contributions to the Sociology/Anthropology, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Media and Communications departments.

Her early scholarship centered on social movements, and over time, she expanded her focus to include the complex relationships between humans and non-human animals — a passion that also supported the development of the anthrozoology applied minor.

JoAnn's dedication to her students went far beyond the classroom. On one memorable research trip to

Jonestown, Tennessee, she slept in a closet for a month so her students could have enough space to sleep — an act that perfectly captured her generosity, care, and unwavering commitment to their well-being and growth.

As she transitions into retirement, JoAnn looks forward to staying engaged through dance, activism, and completing her most recent book on America's history of racism through the lens of dog breeding.